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June 8, 2015

MOTION

WE MOVE that the City's Human Services funding for FY 2016 be allocated according to the recommendations of the Human Services Advisory Committee, as outlined in the attached report (Attachment A); and

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration take all steps necessary to enter into funding agreements with the designated agencies consistent with the information contained in this report; and

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration take all steps necessary to enter into an agreement with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati to continue administering this program, consistent with the terms and conditions of its current agreement.


Councilmember Yvette Simpson


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Statement

In November 2014, City Council approved Motion #201401219, directing the Administration to allocate \$3.0 million to human services funding, consistent with the terms and conditions outlined in the report created by the Human Services Fund Priority Review Working Group, dated October 1, 2014 (see Attachment to Motion #201401219).

Based on this City Council directive, the Human Services Advisory Committee reviewed all applications and made the attached recommendations on May 20, 2015. Please see Attachment A for a detailed explanation of the recommendations.



City of Cincinnati Human Services Advisory Committee
FY2016- FY2017 Human Services Fund Recommendations

After a thorough review process, the Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on May 20, 2015, and unanimously approved the attached funding recommendations. These recommendations are based on the direction of Council through Motion 201401219 in December 2014. The motion, which passed unanimously, established two goals and directed the administration to allocate \$3 million to the Human Service Fund for fiscal year 2016. The goals and preferred strategies are:

Goal: Increase Gainful Employment

Community Level Goal: 90% of the workforce will be gainfully employed by 2020

- Comprehensive Workforce Development: Employment training, job readiness and certification programs that lead to job placement, retention and advancement, with a preference for young adults, adults with multiple barriers, and long-term unemployed.
- Workforce Supports: Remove barriers to employment and directly support job-seekers and new entrants to the workforce with access to childcare, transportation, mental health services, addiction treatment, legal issues, work attire, housing, credit, etc.

Goal: Reduce Homelessness

Community Level Goal: Reduce homelessness by 50% by 2017

- Homelessness prevention or shelter diversion services that integrate case management and direct support, with a preference for families with children.
- Service-enriched shelter services incorporating case management and stabilization services to prevent clients' return to homelessness, with a preference for families with children.

A two-stage proposal process was conducted to recommend to City Council a portfolio of high-impact programs that directly align with the two Human Services goals set by Council in their December motion. In the first stage, 56 programs submitted Letters of Intent. Of these, 48 were invited to submit full Requests for Proposal, with requests totaling \$5,721,038. The HSAC volunteers were required to make difficult decisions to reduce the recommended funding to the \$3 million committed by Council.

The proposals were reviewed based on these criteria:

Impact – demonstrating the measurable change and improvement in lives and community

Alignment – contributing to the City of Cincinnati Human Services goals and strategies

Accountability – delivering efficient, effective and quality services

The programs recommended for City Council's first goal area, Increasing Gainful Employment, are a mix of those that provide direct employment services, and those that provide necessary supports for jobseekers. Two new collaboratives are focused on youth employment. Other programs provide important services for specialized populations, including veterans, refugees, people with mental and physical disabilities and/or addiction, and people with criminal backgrounds.

The programs recommended for City Council's second goal area, Reduce Homelessness, represent those that focus on preventing homelessness (39% of funding), those that serve primarily families (71% of funding) and programs that provide shelter or other support for high-risk populations such as the people in nursing homes, the mentally ill, people with HIV, women leaving prostitution, domestic violence victims and homeless youth.

City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund
Human Services Advisory Committee Recommendations
FY2016-FY2017

Increasing Gainful Employment		
Agency	Program	FY 2016
Comprehensive Workforce Development		
Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio	Refugee Resettlement	\$76,000
Cincinnati Works	Job Readiness and Phoenix Programs	\$118,500
City Gospel Mission	JobsPlus	\$40,000
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Inc. Collaborative	Help A Lot Collaborative	\$118,500
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries	Home Care Aide Training Program	\$40,000
Santa Maria Community Services	Workforce Development Program	\$89,000
Urban League of Greater Cincinnati	Life Ready	\$91,000
Urban League of Greater Cincinnati Collaborative	Year Round Youth Employment Collaborative	\$137,000
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati	Workforce Development Program	\$40,000
Comprehensive Workforce Development Sub-Total		\$750,000
Workforce Supports		
4C for Children	Child Care Solutions Program	\$40,000
Center for Chemical Addictions Treatment	Short Term Residential	\$180,000
Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC)	The Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates Program	\$100,000
Easter Seals TriState	Veterans Community One Source	\$40,000
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	Youth Employment Services	\$60,000
Hearing Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati	Job Readiness for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	\$40,000
IKRON Corporation	Proven, Integrated, Comprehensive Employment Program	\$40,000
Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati	Cleaning Legal Hurdles to Employment	\$40,000
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries	Workforce Supports	\$40,000
Ohio Justice & Policy Center	Second Chance Community Legal Clinics	\$40,000
Talbert House	Work Related Services	\$70,000
The Crossroads Center	The Outpatient Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment	\$60,000
Workforce Supports Sub-Total		\$750,000
Increasing Gainful Employment Total		\$1,500,000

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Reducing Homelessness		
Agency	Program	FY 2016
Bethany House Services, Inc.	Bethany House Services Emergency Shelter	\$242,254
Caracole, Inc.	Caracole Transitional Housing Program	\$40,000
Cincinnati Union Bethel	Anna Louise Inn	\$60,000
Cincinnati Union Bethel	Off the Streets	\$90,000
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.	Services to Homeless Families	\$195,746
Lighthouse Youth Services	Lighthouse Collaborative for Homeless Youth	\$71,000
Madisonville Education & Assistance Center (MEAC)	Expanded Financial Assistance Program	\$71,000
Pro Seniors, Inc.	City Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program	\$40,000
Santa Maria Community Services	Stable Families	\$50,000
Shelterhouse Volunteer Group dba: Drop Inn Center	Case Management Program	\$90,000
Strategies to End Homelessness Collaborative	Shelter Diversion Collaborative	\$420,000
Tender Mercies, Inc.	Tender Mercies Permanent Supportive Housing Program	\$40,000
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati	Domestic Violence Shelter	\$90,000
Reducing Homelessness Total		\$1,500,000
Human Services Fund Total FY2016		\$3,000,000